but about half a dozen decided set of convert
English about the Pope who would [illegible]
visit of Lord [illegible] my table knocked down
upon me with a [illegible] Sir George Bowyer
in the H. of Commons & then heard it said which
I take either of my post they are spread of
I can afford to pass them over they
I am in the affections of the Roman people
& the English very [illegible] They are jealous
that I have more influence than any
in Rome & that I am in the favour with the
Pope & Rome, stands [illegible] 50 suffer and have
been liberated from prison [illegible]
There was a grand reception at the French
Ambassador's last Monday week & I took
my two sons. I went in full dress uniform with
my sword & cocked hat & it was a splendid sight to
me. Most the French soldiers present
around me. I [illegible] the Pope & he
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Fortunately my health & good [illegible]
active life appear [illegible] & I [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

spirit (& youth) in my life.— You see it is very encouraging that all the ministers & consuls Rome & have excelled so much & this "spirit" me on — My painting during the winter has not made much progress, for I have had little time

My two boys have ~~taster~~ danced most of the flesh of their bones, but by day they have drawn admirably & Walter returning to his native place, & speaking Italian has been very much pleased & very well received — I shall soon be left alone for Arthur is to go to his poor dear Mother.— I cannot talk about the future, what chance she may have of recovery, but there is a chance so a good doctor here thinks

I am glad to hear that you & yours are well & flourishing, Give my love to all particularly my dear Sister Maria to whom I will soon write

Your loving brother Joe

Pardon great haste

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